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High Hours, Strong Stands Feature Miami Convention

MIAMI BEACH, FLA.—The 110th session of the Southern Baptist Convention which closed here Friday night, June 2, was marked by high spiritual hours, the adoption of a record \$26,700,000 mission budget, encouraging reports and statements on peace, planned parenthood and church-state separation.

The final session of the convention, which was held in the 14,000-capacity Convention Hall, was devoted to inspiring Southern Baptist youth to take their place in the world as Christians.

Dr. Carl Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C., and a native Mississippian, urged the youth to tell adults "we are here to match our lives against this crucial hour in world history and all we ask is for you to believe in us just a little and be patient with us for awhile and to encourage us by your sincerity and sacrifice."

The convention's Christian Life Commission was in the spotlight again this year as in several recent years.

The convention adopted the commission's report, which "encourages our government to continue to pursue patiently ever course that might lead to a peaceful settlement of international problems in general and the Vietnam conflict in particular."

The controversial report however was approved only after it was amended by adding the following sentence: "However this is not to suggest the withdrawal of United States forces from Vietnam apart from an honorable and just peace."

The convention previously had voted overwhelmingly to continue the commission following a motion to abolish the body.

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield (R., Ore.), a Baptist layman, who spoke to the report of the commission, amplified the ministry theme, rebuking churches for failing to help meet human suffering and need.

If churches had done their job of feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and ministering to the needy, there would have been no need for the government to develop its vast welfare programs, Sen. Hatfield said.

Baptist Seminary Awards Degree To Applegate

Rev. D. C. Applegate, pastor of First Baptist Church of Starkville, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at the graduation exercises of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

The degree was presented by Dr. Wm. P. Davis, Jackson, seminary president, at the exercises held at Sophia Sutton Assembly near Prentiss June 2.

Also receiving a similar degree was Rev. Edward Stanley Hawlett, pastor of Southern Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Lovejoy, Illinois.

There were 142 graduates this year, the largest in the history of the school. This past year enrollment totaled 1700, including 400 children.

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Other officers elected included Rev. John Abernathy, Hot Springs, Ark., second vice-president; Dr. Porter Routh, Nashville, treasurer (reelected); Dr. Clifton Allen Nashville, recording secretary, (reelected) and Dr. W. Fred Kendall, Nashville, registration secretary, (reelected).

The Convention adopted the report of its Resolution Committee which included a pro-

nouncement on peace, one on planned parenthood and one on church-state separation.

The resolution on peace pledged support to government officials as they develop strong and wise policies, pursue a just peace in Vietnam, and help maintain order in the world. It also pledged prayer support to men engaged in restrictive measures against destructive forces of invasion.

Two messengers who asked earlier for the convention to openly support American soldiers in Vietnam thought the stand was too weak, but their efforts to strengthen it failed.

The Resolution on population explosion commended the use of medically approved methods of planned parenthood and the dissemination of this was the first time the Convention has ever taken action on this subject.

On separation of church and state, the Resolution asked Congress for legislation to help clarify the judiciary responsibility to interpret constitutional provisions in this (Continued On Page 2)

Southern Baptists At Miami Beach

An Editorial

Every Southern Baptist Convention has its own characteristics, its own personality. Messengers leave one annual meeting with one concern, and another with a different one. The impact usually shifts from year to year.

The convention in Miami Beach was no exception. Messengers will remember the 1967 session as the year of emphasis on "social action". This was especially felt in the larger pre-convention meetings, but also was sensed in the convention itself.

The Pastor's Conference dealt with the pastor and his relationship to today's world, and in many of the messages the social emphasis of the gospel was discussed.

The WMU Convention used as its theme "In His Name", and almost every message dealt with some phase of ministry in the name of Christ.

Under the theme "Mandate to Minister", the convention itself looked at today's world with the purpose of seeing how Southern Baptists can best minister to its needs. Almost every message had some reference to "social action", although most of them properly (Continued on page 4)



MRS. BEN THOMPSON, Yazoo City, Miss., one of three surviving members of the original (1927) SBC Executive Committee, receives an orchid from SBC Executive Committee chairman W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Miss. Looking on is Mrs. Thompson's son-in-law, Owen Cooper (left), layman of Yazoo City, and currently a member of the Executive Committee.



Dr. Howard Aultman, second vice-president, from Mississippi (left), and Dr. Fred Nicks, first vice-president, of Michigan (center) receive appreciation plaques from SBC Executive Secretary Porter Routh.

MISSISSIPPIANS ARE PROMINENT AT SBC

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—Mississippians were prominent and active at the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention held here.

Dr. Howard Aultman, pastor of First Church, Columbia, and second vice-president of the convention, assisted the convention president, Dr. Paschall, in presiding and receiving a certificate of appreciation for his services.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Church, Jackson, was selected to preach the convention sermon at the convention next year.

Dr. Hudgins, retiring chairman of the convention's executive committee, gave an address commemorating the 40th anniversary of the committee as it is now constituted.

Mrs. Ben Thompson, of Yazoo City, was presented an orchid. She is one of three surviving members of the original committee as formed in 1927. She is the mother-in-law of Owen Cooper of Yazoo, currently a member of the committee.

Named to serve on the Committee on Committees for this year's session from Mississippi were Dr. Russell Bush, Jr., of Columbia, a dentist, and Rev. Phil J. Walker, pastor of Carmel Church in Lawrence County.

Dr. Joe Cotha, pastor of Alta Woods Church, Jackson, and T. Cooper Walton, Jackson layman, were named to the convention's committee on boards for 1968 while Dr. Joe Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, was placed on the Committee on State Baptist Papers.

Dr. Samuel G. Shepard, pastor of First Church, Tupelo, led the benediction at the close of the Friday afternoon session.

Those from the state elect-

MANDATE TO MINISTER



New appointees for overseas missionary service are recognized during the Foreign Mission Board report to the convention.

Mission Action Plans Unveiled At WMU Meet

By Al Morgan

MIAMI BEACH — (BP) — A new mission strategy emphasizing a Christian action ministry to persons in the community was unveiled at a two-day meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU).

In sessions preceding the 110th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, the woman's missionary arm of the 10.9 million member denomination told of plans to involve women in ministries to juvenile delinquents, the poor, sick, international-

als, language groups and others in need.

The WMU Executive Board supported the strategy by authorizing a slimming down process, transferring the responsibility of providing missionary education guidance materials for boys 6-8 to the

If the change is approved by the Brotherhood Commission at its annual meeting in June, the Memphis agency will provide missionary education guidance for men, young men and boys 6 and older and WMU the same services for women and girls.

WMU leaders said the adjustment will help implement a new grading - grouping plan scheduled to go into use in all church program organizations in October, 1970.

Mrs. Fling Re-elected

The missionary-minded women elected Mrs. Robert C. (Helen) Fling of Cleburne, Tex., to her fourth consecutive one-year term as president.

In her presidential address Mrs. Fling challenged the 1,500 women messengers to be aware of human suffering, "to sense the depth of need and try to lift another's burden."

Calling Southern Baptist women the most privileged women in the world, Mrs. Fling urged the women to continue as "laborers together," to bring the "harmony of music to this old world" with the message that "Jesus is Lord... the gospel is unquenchable."

The same missionary zeal was evident throughout the five sessions as each speaker challenged those present with a need to minister where the people are to be found.

Highlights

Two highlights of the wom-

ens convention which served as a prelude for the Southern Baptist Convention were addresses by Jimmy R. Allen of Dallas, Tex., and opera star Irene Jordan.

Allen, secretary of the Christian Life Commission for Texas Baptists, decried the individuals who face life without Christ. He pleaded for

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Paschall Sees No Merger

MIAMI BEACH (BP)—The president of the Southern Baptist Convention said here he did not foresee a day when Southern Baptists would be organically involved in mergers with other Christian groups, including other Baptists and evangelicals.

H. Franklin Paschall, president of the 10.9 million-member denomination, said in a press conference moments after his election to a second term, that when denominations merge, the institutional machinery is further complicated.

He observed, however, that Baptists are more and more becoming involved in a "oneness in spirit" with other Christians on a local level.

Paschall said that when high-echelon mergers are discussed on a national level, often there is no true ecumenicity (unity) because the people at the grass-roots level may be farther apart than the high-echelon leaders on the national level.

Local Level

"Ecumenicity is best on the local level," said Paschall, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tenn.

Paschall said local-level cooperation between churches would not compromise convictions and beliefs, and added that Baptists seem to be dead set against dialogue on a national level because convictions might be compromised.

"I can hold dialogue as an individual with anybody, and enjoy doing so," said Paschall. "But I do not agree that in dialogue we must always be prepared to change, because there are some things that should not be changed."

"Dialogues"

In a joint press conference with other Baptist leaders, Paschall and C. Emmanuel

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LATE NEWS FLASH

FMB In Touch With Middle East Crisis

RICHMOND, June 6—From the beginning of the Middle East Crisis, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has been in constant contact with its missionaries in that part of the world. Cabled assurance was given to every mission (organization of missionaries in a country) of full support for any moves that might seem to be advisable. Contact by overseas telephone has given first hand reports from the developing situation.

Dr. John D. Hughey, Secretary for the work in Europe and the Near East, arrived in

Beirut, Lebanon, on Saturday afternoon, June 3, for consultations with missionaries concerning the situation. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, Executive Secretary of the board, had telephone conversations with Dr. Hughey on Sunday afternoon, June 4, and with Dr. Findlay M. Graham, missionary in Beirut, on the following morning (Monday).

Missionaries from Gaza have withdrawn to Beirut, with the exception of Dr. Merrill D. Moore and Dr. David C. Dorr, who are keeping the

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area. It specified those dealing with federal funds in church-sponsored programs. "We remind all who call themselves Baptists, to distinguish carefully the services that are publicly supported from the Christian ministries that they should be supported exclusively by the churches and hold to programs that are clearly committed to Christ and His kingdom," the resolution stated.

Philadelphia Chosen
Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., was selected to preach the convention sermon at the New Orleans session next year with Dr. John Newport of Fort Worth, Texas, to be the alternate.

Philadelphia, Pa., was selected as the meeting place for the 1972 session with the dates to be June 5-9. Registration reached 14,930, second highest in the 122-year

history of the denomination. The 1965 meeting in Dallas drew 16,053.

A series of 15 recommendations of the Convention's Executive Committee were approved. However, the one that drew the most debate, a suggested reapportionment change, failed when it couldn't muster the required two-thirds of the messengers.

The recommendation sought to limit full representation on denominational commissions and institutions to states with at least 100,000 church members. The figure was dropped to 50,000 by a majority of the messengers in balloting before the recommendation finally lost.

States now have to have only 25,000 members to have full representation. Denominational leaders said the change was an attempt to make representation more proportionate to membership.

Another recommendation lengthened terms of office for board members of convention agencies except seminaries from three to four years. Seminary trustees can serve five years.

The messengers also adopted recommendations of an advisory planning committee suggesting emphases for the denomination for a 10-year period beginning in 1969.

Identified as '70 Onward emphases, they are designed to encourage Southern Baptists to discover and accept during the decade a better personal understanding of the gospel and apply the insights creatively in shaping every area of life.

The emphases concentrate on three facets — openness of the individual to God, mobility of organizational structures, and flexibility of methods. It's central theme for the first four-year phase is "living the Spirit of Christ."

Paschall Speaks
In keeping with the convention's theme of "Mandate to Minister," President Paschall led a list of speakers in pleading for Southern Baptists to show more concern for all the problems of men, including personal and social ones.

President Paschall said Christians must practice an evangelism concerned with the whole man, including his body and soul. "In an age of

population explosion and computers, bigger and bigger organizations in church and state, it is easy to forget the dignity and worth of human beings and personal needs.

Southern Baptists were advised to involve their laymen or face population inundation.

James L. Pleitz, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., described the magnitude of the problem and suggested a solution in one of the closing addresses of the convention. "The world population is growing 10 times faster than the church. We are losing ground — lots of ground," he said.

Southern Baptists, often called the problem child among Protestants for refusing to affiliate with other religious bodies, were urged to reach for new plateaus of cooperation short of organic union.

The plea was made in a feature address by Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans.

Recalling how Southern Baptists have elicited the cooperation of other denominational groups on such issues

as temperance, law enforcement, social justice and corruption in government. Grey told fellow messengers "we need them and they need us."

Messengers expressed a desire for being more cooperative with other Christians by asking the Executive Committee to explore possible discussion with other evangelical groups on witness and evangelism and report their findings in 1968.

Guests bringing fraternal greetings to the messengers included L. D. MacBain of Phoenix, Ariz., president of the American Baptist Convention, and Joseph H. Jackson of Chicago, president of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.

Messengers received reports from 20 denominational agencies. The Foreign Mission Board reported 2,208 missionaries are serving in 65 foreign countries. The Home Mission Board disclosed 2,165 home missionaries are at work in the United States, Panama Canal Zone, and Puerto Rico.

Begins On High Note
The convention referred to the Executive Committee for study a motion that would bar the appointment to SBC agencies any full-time employed or salaried persons by a participating state convention, its institutions or agencies.

The convention got underway Tuesday night on a high note as Dr. Landrum P. Leavell captured the packed Convention Hall audience with his convention sermon.

He challenged Southern Baptists to quit bickering among themselves and get about their job of making and training Christian disciples.

Persons making up the church of the future must be captivated by obsession, cognizant of obstacles and correlated by obedience, Dr. Leavell said.

Southern Baptists can express this obsession through Christian love, he explained. Results include the elevation of all human rights and the salvation of all who believe.

The 40th anniversary of the Convention's Executive Committee was observed, which included a message on the subject by the retiring chairman of the Committee, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, Miss.



Ex-presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention with the present president H. Franklin Paschall (66-). Left to right: Top row—Ramsey Pollard, 59-61; W. Wayne Dehoney (64-66); H. H. Hobbs (61-63); K. Owen White (63-64); Brooks Hays (57-59); R. G. Lee (48-51); C. C. Warren (55-57); J. W. Storer, (53-55); J. D. Gray (51-53) and Paschall.



New officers of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference are, l-r: Gerald Martin, president, pastor of Poplar Avenue Church, Memphis; Harper Shannon, vice-president, pastor, First Church, Dothan, Ala.; and re-elected secretary-treasurer, Warren Littleford, superintendent of missions for Minnesota Baptists, Colfax, Minn.



Dr. D. C. Applegate

Baptist Seminary Awards Degree To Applegate

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The Owen Williams Memorial Scholarship for the highest example of Christian living and the best evidence of leadership ability was given to Dr. D. C. Applegate, The Baptist Seminary of the West, Point Center of the Mississippi Baptist Center.

The Hart Baptist Center of Jackson was given a bronze plaque for meritorious service. This award is given each year to the center that does the best work of the year.

Rev. Leon Bell, dean of Central Center from 1959 to 1967, was awarded a bronze plaque for meritorious service.

Dr. Applegate was born in Nettleton, Ark. He entered the ministry at age 12 and was ordained in 1937. He has served as pastor in Arkansas, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Mississippi.

He attended schools at Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, and was graduated from Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

He has served as chairman of the board of trustees of Mississippi Baptist Seminary and was Baccalaureate speaker on one occasion.

He has served as vice-president and member of the Long Range Study Committee of the State Convention and moderator of the Oktibbeha Baptist Association.

He is currently serving as president of the State Convention Board, member of the BEST Committee of the SBC, as well as a member of SBC Annuity Board.

U. S. Laymen Witness In Uruguay

Following a successful preaching tour in Chile, a team of Southern Baptist laymen extended their South American visit to Uruguay April 29 to May 7.

Dr. Lucien E. Coleman, of the staff of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn., led the eight-man team, which split up to give testimonies and participate in evangelistic meetings in churches in different parts of the country. Southern Baptist MKs (missionary kids) helped as interpreters.

The visiting group included, in addition to Dr. Coleman, John A. Farmer, Brotherhood director for South Carolina Baptists; Elmer McCance and Dr. John McCalk, of Memphis; Edward S. Maddox, of Harrisburg, Ark.; Jeff D. Cheatham, of Eudora, Ark.; Charles W. Fanbrough, of Port Charlotte, Fla.; and Dr. J. B. Allen, of Horn Lake, Miss.

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dedicated Christians to face the issues and take the gospel to the people, "to do something... whatever the odds of success... because it is right."

Pointing out that many Southern Baptists have created their own religion, Allen said, "We are far more identified with the ecstasy of the top of the mountain than with the agony at the bottom of the mountain."

Allen concluded that the modern Christians must face involvement whatever the price.

Miss Jordan, who sang at all sessions of the convention, told of her invitation four years ago to participate in a Japanese evangelistic crusade. Until that time, she

had not joined in such ventures, she said.

She said she soon came to realize in the months that followed that God was using her in a unique way. Since that first encounter in a Southern Baptist effort in a foreign land, Miss Jordan has participated in numerous SBC-led music concerts.

On the same program with Miss Jordan was her sister, Dr. Martha Jordan Gilliland, who with her husband was appointed in 1942 as medical missionaries to Nigeria. She will return to her Nigerian post later this year.

Other Speakers
Other keynote speakers included Dr. Daniel Gruver, coordinator of Baptist mission work in the Republic of Panama and the Canal Zone, who

described many of the fears of the local citizenry concerning modern medicine and Roy F. Lewis, assistant to the director of the division of church loans for the Home Mission Board, who said, "God is not glorified in the brick and mortar of a church building, but rather in the lives of people who use it."

J. Lyn Elder, pastoral psychology professor at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., led Bible study at the opening of each session.

In a business session WMU recording secretary Mrs. J. R. Lobaugh of Kansas City, Kan., was re-elected and Mrs. Stanley R. Barnett of Baton Rouge, La., and Mrs. E. E. Wheeler of Houston, Tex., were chosen members-at-large

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Carlson of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C., discussed the ecumenical movement and dialogue among religious leaders.

Carlson called dialogue "a new word for an old method," and said that Christians have to listen to others if they are to be free to speak and be heard. "Dialogue is a communications technique that is very popular today," he added.

Just one hour after the Southern Baptist Convention had soundly defeated a motion to abolish its Christian Life Commission, that agency's director, Foy Valentine of Nashville, Tenn., told the press conference that the opposition was at the point of the commission's stand on race relations.

Valentine contended there is "a strong stream of guilt among Southern Baptists" for not accepting Negroes into their churches.

"Thank God there are evidences of progress as we move away from culture (in the South) towards Christ," Paschall agreed, saying

Baptists "are making wonderful progress and if given time will make more progress" in applying the teachings of Christianity in non-discrimination.

Valentine replied that "at the heart of the Christian gospel is respect for every person regardless of class, race or economic standing."

Changes and Renewal
On changes and renewal in Christianity, Paschall said Baptists do not seem to be moving away from the institutional church, but must hold to it, instead.

"The message is the same," he said, "but our methods must be flexible. We won't discard what we have until we can come up with something better," he said.

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the denomination's Executive Committee, added that there seems to be a lot more encouragement on the part of the denomination for innovation by local Baptist churches.

Paschall said that he felt Baptist churches genuinely wanted to get beyond their four walls and be an influence on society.

"I believe we are rising to the challenge of the future, and that we shall emerge a stronger denomination," Paschall said.

PUERTO RICO MISSION BUYS BUILDING

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico (BP)—The first convert was baptized recently in a small one-year-old Baptist mission here that in April purchased a former medical office as a meeting place.

Saron Baptist Mission, an offspring of Vieques Baptist Church, is located in Isabel II, the largest town on the island of Vieques, near the infamous Canyon district where prostitution prevails.

On April 3, 1967, the mission purchased the small five-room suite in which it held its first Sunday School meeting on April 10, 1966.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta paid \$2,200 of the purchase price, and the Puerto Rico Baptist Association \$400.



FIRST NEGRO MISSIONARY appointed by Foreign Mission Board in 84 years, Sue Thompson of Missouri, appointed to Nigeria (center). Miss Areta Privette of Texas, journeyman for Nigeria. Sam Choy of Hawaii, named missionary associate for Korea.



Dr. W. C. Boone of Jackson, Tenn., (right) was presented to the Convention by Dr. Paschall, president, as having attended 50 consecutive sessions of the SBC. So far, as is known, he was the only one present with that record.



Press conference Wednesday, l to r: Rabun Brantley, executive secretary, Education Commission; Foy Valentine, executive secretary, Christian Life Commission; H. Franklin Paschall, SBC president; Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC executive committee; and C. Emmanuel Carlson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. Carlson is from Washington, the others from Nashville. Standing is W. C. Fields, public relations secretary for the SBC executive committee.

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Baptist hospital there open as long as possible. Authorities of UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Work Agency) have indicated their readiness for the doctors to leave Gaza on the plane evacuating the last of the United Nations personnel.

With the outbreak of fighting, missionaries in the troubled area, began to take steps toward possible evacuation. Reports from Beirut indicated that most of the missionaries may come away temporarily, although some may remain. Istanbul, Athens and Rome are the destinations for those who may evacuate.

Missionaries in Jordan may possibly be evacuated through Iraq in case it becomes necessary to leave.

Missionaries in Yemen are still at their posts in Jibla, and construction of the hospital is proceeding.

Missionaries in Israel have indicated that mothers with small children will probably leave, but that most of the missionaries will remain as long as possible.

Dr. Cauthen said following his talks with Beirut: "In emergency periods missionaries recognize the unusual opportunities for service which are presented. They undertake to stay as long as possible, but they do not hesitate to leave when it becomes evident that such a step is necessary."

"The Foreign Mission Board always gives to missionaries full power to act in any situation, and guarantees full financial support for whatever steps are necessary."

"Southern Baptists are urgently requested to remember the missionaries in the Middle East in prayer as they face these difficult days."

On Monday afternoon the board learned that the Beirut airport was closed temporarily, but it is expected to be opened later in the week, and it was expected that some of the missionaries would leave as soon as possible, and Dr. Hughey would leave with them.

There is no late news this week from Nigeria, although the board has been trying to reach Western Nigeria by phone, since early Monday morning, June 5.

Pastor's Conference Hears Lively Verbal Exchange

By Dallas M. Lee

MIAMI BEACH BP — The annual Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference climaxed two days of activity here with a verbal exchange over the social implications of the Christian gospel that appeared more like a beginning than an end.

"Believers cannot escape the charge that they are 'playing Christianity' until they confront the issues, face up to realities and bring the gospel to bear upon those realities," declared Foy Valentine of Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

"I as a changed individual

am trying to change society," he said. "Why is it that my worst opposition comes from the people who say: 'Change the individual and he will change society?'"

Valentine shared a dinner-dialogue panel with author and Episcopalian layman Keith Miller of Austin, Tex., and George Schweitzer, professor of chemistry at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

"By Your Fruits . . ." "By your fruits you shall know them, the Bible says, let's take a look and determine the validity of our original experience with Christ," Schweitzer said.

Miller, author of The



SBC Pastor's Conference personalities, left to right: Gerald Martin of Memphis, newly elected president; Buckner Fanning of San Antonio, speaker; Howard E. Butt, Jr., Corpus Christi, speaker; Anita Bryant, Miami, program personality; Gary Player, South Africa, recipient of the award for Christian Athlete of the Year; James Jeffery, Kansas City, speaker, and Don Dendy, Ft. Lauderdale, participant in Celebrity Golf Tournament. (Dendy is minister of education and administration at First Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale.)

SBC Messengers Polled On Issues

By Walker L. Knight

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — A sampling of opinion of messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention here found a "hawkish" trend toward the Vietnam war.

The survey was taken by the Research and Statistics Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board as part of their exhibit.

Surveyor Martin Bradley said the opinions are those of persons who visit the exhibit areas, not necessarily representative of the total group of messengers.

Two-thirds of those answering a question on the war indicated the United States should do whatever is necessary to win the war. And another group answering a similar question had two-thirds saying the U. S. should increase its level of fighting.

But at the same time a third said that the U. S. should do anything that's necessary to start peace negotiations.

Fifty percent of those surveyed were pastors, representing a wide age span. Only about 10 percent were women.

Asked if churches should stick to religion and not concern themselves with social

and economic problems, three-fourths were in strong or mild disagreement.

But when asked if church leaders should participate in civil rights demonstrations, slightly more than half disagreed strongly.

Shedding slightly more light was a related question that showed more than half disagreed that "the church has no business becoming involved in the civil rights movement."

The survey touched nearly a thousand messengers during the first three days of the Baptist meetings.

Three sets of questions were used in rotation for the sampling, thus not all answered any one of the questions. Most questions were answered by nearly 400 people, who indicated one of four possible answers ranging from "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree."

On higher education, 50 percent said no, not under any circumstances should Baptist colleges accept outright grants from the federal government, but a surprising 33 percent said yes, some qualifying the answer.

Asked if it would be better to close Baptist schools than to accept federal aid, another group of questionnaires were slightly more than 50 percent in agreement, most in strong agreement. Again there was the 33 percent in some disagreement.

On the National Council of Churches, two-thirds of those surveyed thought the Southern Baptist Convention should not explore the possibility of membership. Only one fourth thought it should. A small number was undecided.

"I think the advantages of the Cooperative Program are quite evident. It unifies our thinking and our activities and makes it unnecessary to bring a multitude of financial appeals to our people on behalf of various agencies, institutions and units."—K. Owen White.

SBC Told: Involve Laymen Or Lose Out

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — Southern Baptists were advised here to involve their laymen or face population inundation.

James L. Pleitz, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., described the magnitude of the problem and suggested a solution in one of the closing addresses of the four-day Southern Baptist Convention in Convention Hall.

"The world population is growing 10 times faster than the church. We are losing ground—lots of ground," he said.

Pleitz, newly-elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the 10.9 million member denomination, said Southern Baptists are guilty of developing the world's largest group of sermon listeners and the concept that Christianity is largely confined to Sunday and to the church building.



W. FRED KENDALL, SBC registration secretary, congratulates C. Henry Preston, pastor of East Ridge Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., the 400,000th messenger to register at the SBC since its beginning in 1845. Preston was the 14,647th messenger to the Miami Beach Convention.

BWA Presents World Baptist Program

MIAMI BEACH — A picture of 28 million Baptists in 124 countries, their hands joined "for fellowship, service and cooperation" in fulfilling the Great Commission, was painted by Robert S. Denny of Washington, D. C., during a report to the Southern Baptist Convention here Friday.

Denny is associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, a voluntary fellowship of Baptists around the world. He brought the Alliance report in the absence of Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary, who is currently addressing meetings of Baptists groups on the European continent.

Four Southern Baptist leaders who hold responsible positions in the Alliance also participated in the report. They are Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Birmingham and Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, both of whom are Alliance vice presidents; Baker James Cauthen of Richmond, Va.; and Duke K. McCall of Louisville, Ky., members of the Alliance Executive Committee.

Mrs. Mathis and Hobbs spoke briefly about the Alliance's cooperative endeavors as a witness for religious liberty and human rights, a study forum, a channel for relief and other assistance to people in need, and as a vehicle for communication and fellowship among the world's Baptists.

McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, told of plans for a Baptist Youth World Conference in Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28, 1968. He recalled his own life-changing experience at a similar meeting in Prague, Czechoslovakia in 1931.

Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, spoke of growing Baptist opportunities in Asia and the evangelistic witness that will be brought by a Baptist World Congress in Tokyo, Japan, in 1970.

Denny said he has just returned from a trip around the world, stopping in both Berne and Tokyo to make plans for these international meetings. Berne will be the 7th meeting of world Baptist youth, and Tokyo will be the 12th international Baptist congress.

Scales Named Head Of Wake Forest

WINSTON SALEM, N. C. (BP) — Trustees of Wake Forest College here elected an Oklahoma educator, James Ralph Scales, as the Baptist school's eleventh president.

Scales, former president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and now dean of the college of arts and sciences at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, will assume the position July 1.

He will succeed Harold W. Tribble, who announced in October that he planned to retire June 30, saying he was "tired, very tired."

Scales' election as president was announced at a press conference here called by Wake Forest Trustee Chairman Maurice Hill, president of Drexel Enterprises in Morgantown, N. C.

Scales said in accepting the position he hoped the school would move towards university status during his upcoming administration, and that it would develop strong graduate and research programs in areas not now covered.

SBC Considers World Peace

MIAMI BEACH — The issue of Vietnam and world peace erupted Thursday morning at the 110th meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

The Christian Life Commission, which only the day before was threatened with extinction by a Louisiana messenger's motion, called for open discussion and public debate "to achieve a sense of moral certainty about the course of our (U.S.) action."

The commission's report was applauded and accepted without vote as were the reports of seven other Baptist commissions and institutions.

However, a motion was offered immediately by Harold Coble of Westminster, California, to make certain the report in no way was suggesting the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam "apart from an honorable and just peace."

After several attempts to either have the motion tabled or rescheduled for later discussion were soundly defeated, the 15,000 messengers overwhelmingly approved the motion.

Earlier, in a miscellaneous business session, Roy O. Jones of Knoxville, Tenn., urged the messengers to approve a resolution calling for prayer and concern for President Johnson, support of efforts to win the war, and individual pressure on congressional leaders to implement these expressions on the war.

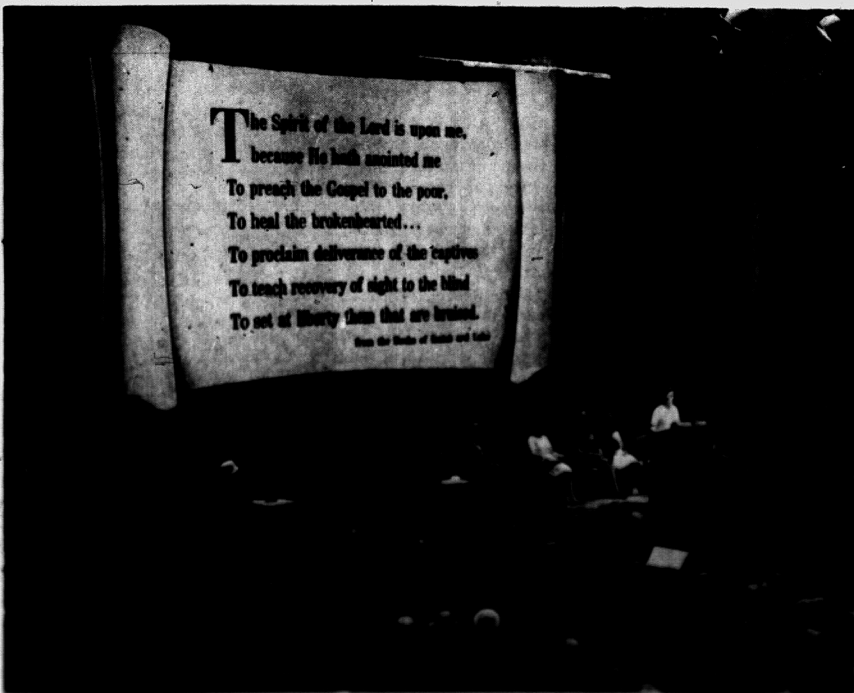
"Surely we can do more than ask people to pray," Jones said. "While we are ducking issues, our men in Vietnam are ducking bullets; while we are passing resolutions, they are passing ammunition."

The Christian Life Commission report expressed deep

concern for the lack of constructive discussion on the matter of peace.

The report encouraged Baptist churches and other Christians to unite in prayer for peace and urged the nation's leadership to "continue to pursue patiently every course that might lead to a peaceful settlement of international problems in general and of the Vietnam conflict in particular."

"We call upon all the churches not to be blinded by distorted appeals to false patriotism so that they lose sight of the personal tragedy, the great sorrow, and the fantastic cost attached to the present conflict," Valentine said. "A spirit of solemn penitence is in order."



Opening Session of WNU Convention

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Southern Baptists At Miami

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related it to the message of redemption. Moreover, some of the major messengers strongly urged Southern Baptists to renew their zeal in the area of evangelism and missions.

What Is Meaning?

What does this mean? Have Southern Baptists come to a turning point? Are they turning from a major emphasis on evangelism and missions, to one of social action? Some newspaper reporters at the meeting interpreted the meeting as indicating that such a change has come.

We disagree with such interpretation. Southern Baptists are not turning from their major emphasis, but simply are hearing calls for better implementation of it.

There are several reasons for such calls at this time, but probably the major one is that Southern Baptists rapidly are becoming an urbanized denomination, and the problems of the inner city, the slums, the minority groups, and other basically social problems now press from them. Moreover, the spirit of the times has brought almost all Americans face to face with social issues.

Southern Baptists always have recognized social action as a Christian responsibility, but they have related it to preaching the gospel, feeling that presentation of the gospel is the way that social change comes. Most of them believed that social change was the inevitable result of the gospel. They have believed that their commission was to win souls, and that all social action must be in relationship to that. They have believed that Jesus healed bodies to win souls, and gave His other ministries for the purpose of bringing the recipient and others to personal faith in him.

Day Of Social Action

Now, however, we are living in a day of social action, with some denominational groups making that their major thrust. There appear to be some Southern Baptists who apparently would have it to be the major thrust of their convention today.

The danger of over emphasis on social concern, is that when it becomes the major program, the spiritual message of salvation often is neglected. Many of those who give first emphasis to social matters, simply cease to try to win souls.

If this latter is the meaning of the messages heard at Miami Beach, then the rank and file of Southern Baptists never will "buy" it. They are not about to give up their major concern for evangelism and missions. This has been the program which has built the denomination into the largest in America, and few Southern Baptists have any desire to change the program which they believe is the commission given by the Lord himself.

Enlarged Evangelism

If, however, the emphasis at Miami Beach means an enlargement of the evangelistic thrust, if it simply calls for a new zeal in going outside the church build-

ings and into the streets where the people are, to minister to their needs, in order to win them to personal faith in Christ, we see no reason why Southern Baptists will not respond.

Let someone say that Southern Baptists must become deeply involved in today's social problems, else they will die, let us remind him that the denominational groups which are making the greatest gains today are those which continue to major on evangelism and missions. Also we would remind him of some other Baptist groups in the world which have changed their emphasis to social action, and now struggle to prevent continued losses in their strength.

Baptists Are Concerned

Most Southern Baptists are concerned about social action. They do believe in Christian action in relation to the problems of today, but they do not feel that the church is called upon to solve every social problem in our society. Involved in them they must be as Christians, but to make them the major concern of the church, they will not do.

The action of the convention in overwhelmingly voting to keep its Christian Life Commission, when an effort was made to abolish it during the Miami Beach meeting, is evidence that Southern Baptists do have social concern. The fact that by a similar overwhelming vote the convention amended the report of that Commission, refusing to accept its statement on race, without change, reveals that the messengers hold a balanced view on social issues. This was further revealed by the adoption by the convention of the largest budget, and the greatest goals, for missions and evangelism in the entire convention history.

One had only to mingle with the messengers, and listen to conversations to know that Baptists are not ready to shift their emphasis. Moreover, they expressed a desire that the convention, and its related meetings, give much greater inspiration and challenge relative to the great opportunities for Christian witness which the world affords Baptists of today.

It is possible that this convention was a turning point, but it was that it was turning back to the old gospel emphasis, and away from the trends toward social action which some Southern Baptists would have us take. Messengers may have come away from this meeting with a determination to make the greatest thrust in evangelism and missions, that the world has seen, in order to show that these are the true answers to world needs.

Other Emphases

Again, the other issues to which emphasis was given in the recent convention was ecumenism. This took two forms, neither of which is the main stream of modern ecumenical movements. There was no movement, or even a suggestion that Southern Baptists should become organically related to such ecumenical movements as the National or World Councils, or the COCU (Consultation on Church Union). Southern Baptists leaders know that the convention has no intention of becoming involved with such groups, so no effort or even a suggestion was made concerning it.

There was, however, a suggestion by Dr. Jess Moody of Florida in the Pastor's Conference that Southern Baptists find some way to bring about a uniting of evangelical forces in a great forward thrust in evangelistic witness. This did not call for organic union, but rather for a spiritual unity in giving the message of redemption through Jesus Christ to a lost world. He suggested that Southern Baptists could give

leadership to a great "Evangelical Ecumenicalism". He said "this would not be an organic union but a mutual pooling of our collective forces for world wide evangelism."

A motion was made during the convention to provide a committee to consider Moody's suggestion, but the matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

Another ecumenical suggestion was made by Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans, who called for Baptists to walk in closer fellowship with other religious groups in the local communities. He was not asking for any type of organic union, but rather for Christian fellowship. Grey said that Baptists could do this without compromising their distinctive position in any way, and cited his own experiences in New Orleans as an example. Dr. Grey's suggestion probably already is carried out, at least to some degree, in most communities, but he feels that it is essential in these difficult days of Christian witness.

Missions And Evangelism

Missions and evangelism continued to be given strong emphasis in this convention. Both the Home and the Foreign mission boards, reported splendid progress during the year, with records broken in appointment of missionaries. Both of the boards have under appointment the largest number of missionaries in their history, and the Foreign board announced that it now has the largest number under appointment of any foreign mission board in the world. The Home board had an appointment service during its report to the convention, a first for both the convention and the board.

The Sunday School Board, the seminaries, the Radio and Television Commission, the Annuity Board, the Baptist Foundation, and other agencies and commissions, all reported progress during the past year. Southern Baptists continue to grow and will pass 11 million in membership during 1967. Total gifts during 1967 probably will reach \$700,000,000, with more than \$125,000,000 going to mission causes. The convention adopted the largest budget of its history, and set great goals for advance during the coming decade.

The convention work is in good condition, and continues to be blessed of the Lord. While there are differences of opinion on numerous issues, there is no major split in Southern Baptist life at this time. The convention is united in the same way that it has been from its founding, and that is upon the responsibility to give a witness for Jesus Christ to the whole world.

Convention Leadership

Present Southern Baptist leadership is the very finest. No more conservative, more solidly Baptist, or more dedicated leader could be found anywhere than Dr. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, Tenn., who was unanimously elected president for a second term. He has given splendid leadership to Southern Baptists during the past year, and did an excellent job in presiding over the sessions at Miami Beach. Other leaders, such as Dr. Porter Routh of the Executive Committee, the executive secretaries of our major boards, and all of those who direct the affairs of those and our other agencies, are men of dedication and devotion, both to the Lord and to Southern Baptists. With such leadership we can expect continued advance.

The Miami Convention was a good convention. I doubt if many felt that it was a great one. Yet, it may turn out to be that, as time reveals that its actions and decisions, strengthen the program, and turn the churches toward new dedication in Christian witness.

HOLLAND BAPTISTS SHOW LOSS

The annual statistical report for the Union of Baptist Churches in the Netherlands shows that membership of its churches fell from 9,213 at the beginning of 1966 to 9,184 at year's end. There had been a slight gain during 1965, a year which began with membership at 9,161.

Baptisms of converts also fell, by almost one-third, during 1966. In 1965, baptisms numbered 238. Last year, they were only 214.

There are 67 churches in the union, ranging alphabetically from the 59-member church at Alblasdendam to the 28-member congregation in Zwijndrecht. This is one more church than was reported after the year 1965.

The largest Dutch Baptist church is located in northern Groningen, a city in the north-east part of the nation. It has 397 members now, compared with 407 a year ago. (EBPS)

Three Missionary Educators Named Visiting Profs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—Three, Southern Baptist missionary educators have been elected to serve as visiting professors at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here during the 1967-68 academic year.

They are: James Edwin Giles, professor at International Baptist Theological Seminary, Cali, Columbia; George Raymond Wilson, teacher at Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary; and Kenneth Wolfe, professor at the Baptist seminary at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

express. The Lord's Supper can have its full meaning only in that fellowship of Christ's body which is carrying out the full mission which Christ gave to his disciples—making disciples, baptizing, and teaching them—in other words, in the church!

Current Issues In Baptist Life

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When Should The Lord's Supper Be Observed?

There are some denominations which make a great case out of the fact that they observe the Lord's Supper every Sunday. Of course, every Roman Catholic mass is also their special form of the Lord's Supper and is observed several times each Sunday, as well as at funerals, weddings, and most other religious occasions. The Quakers never observe it, and some others believe it should be observed only when we get to heaven and drink the fruit of the vine in the Father's kingdom.

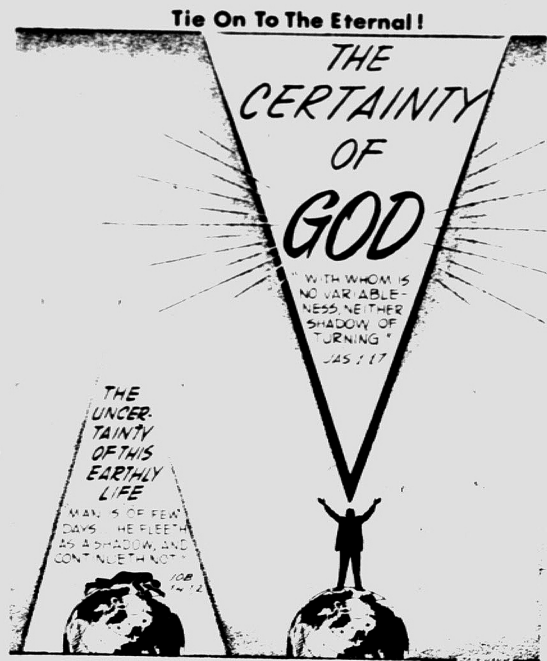
Most Baptists observe the Supper on the first Sunday of each month or on the first Sunday of each quarter. This is mainly a matter of tradition, which grew out of the practice of the monthly or quarterly (fifth Sunday) meeting of the church for transaction of business, or out of the monthly visit of the part-time pastor. It does have, however, one important theological element back of it. Earlier Baptists understood that the Supper was an expression of the intimate fellowship and discipline of the church, and so they scheduled it at a time when the church was concerned with its own inner life—not in a public evangelistic meeting.

However, all this variation in frequency of observance is an outgrowth of the simple fact that the New Testament never lays down any requirement as to the time or frequency of the Lord's Supper. The clear and unmistakable witness of the scripture is, "This do ye as of as ye drink it in remembrance of me" (1 Cor. 11:25). This specifies no time or frequency, but it does reveal that whenever it is done, it is a real meaning must be preserved. This is

the danger with the every Sunday observance by those who tack it on to an evangelistic service. It is removed from the central place it deserves, and it may become perfunctory.

One of the most serious departures from the New Testament meaning occurred when some ancient Christians began to carry about the elements as a "medicine of immortality" (Ignatius) and use them as a kind of magic potion on the sick. This is how it became a "sacrament," supposedly having "saving power." Some ministers still take the elements to the sick or shut-ins, and the priests are required to administer the sacraments of the church in this way. It seems to me that if a member of the church is prevented by illness or other hindrance from ever coming to the church, then the church should go to him! The elements should not be carried by the minister like an individual sacrament, but an appropriate group from the church should go at the express direction of the whole church to partake of the Supper and thereby preserve the meaning of the one body, made up of many members.

Many groups of Christians today are trying to find new meaning in the Supper by observing it in a home with friends, at a class meeting, in a dormitory, or in any small group. Many testify that it is the most meaningful experience they have ever had with the Lord's Supper, because the group is so small and intimate. However, it seems to me that this could be a dangerous trend away from the oneness of the whole church which it is intended to



The Baptist Forum

Pastor's Son Is Now Very Critically Ill

Dear Dr. Odle:

Several of my Baptist preacher friends from all over the state have asked that I keep them posted concerning my son, Mike's, physical condition.

As you know Mike has been suffering from cancer since August of 1965. He is now critically ill in room 262 of the Methodist Hospital here in Hattiesburg. He is paralyzed from his waist down, and his chest is full of golf-sized tumors. He is in very little pain at the present, but he grows weaker each day. Although he can have no visitors, cards and letters are deeply appreciated by him as he is still conscious.

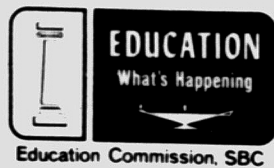
One of the last active things he did was to record a record album of sacred music on May 8. It is ready for release at any time. This he has done at the request of many of his friends and has

been sponsored by J. B. Betts, full-time evangelist from Indianola, Mississippi, whom he has played for in many of his revivals. It will be available from Crestview Baptist Church, Route 7, Box 86, at a cost of \$4.00.

Dr. Odle, the main thing I am concerned with is that you put something in the Baptist Record to let people know that Mike is very sick. It will save me from sending many letters. Any way you want to, will be fine with me. I shall appreciate anything you can do.

In Christ,
Olyn F. Roberts Jr.
Crestview Baptist Church
Rt. 7, Box 86
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"Those who would grow in grace must love the habitation of God's house. It is those that are planted in the courts of the Lord who shall flourish, and not those who are occasionally there."—John Angel James



Higher education is increasingly part of the general American experience, yet outsiders have too little idea of what is going on in today's universities, where every conceivable discipline is crammed onto one campus.

The problems of today's institutions are not particularly new to the United States but are magnified by the pressures of numbers and by the shifting standards of the nation as a whole.

In the near future, the new university, even though it will preserve distinct similarities to the old, will be gradually and consciously redesigned to face three great new facts of existence:

(1) the emergence of knowledge as power in our society, and thus of the university as a center of power;

(2) the accelerating rise in our educational expectations for all, along with the increase in population;

(3) the communications revolution and the inescapable oneness of the world.

Dr. Charles Muscatine, professor of English at the University of California, suggests that one basis of the new curriculum which will be forthcoming, will be a new respect for our increasing knowledge of the process of personality development and the nature of motivation.

The university will follow and depend upon new developments in the primary and secondary schools to lead the student as early as possible to self-direction and independent discovery.

What students want, in short, is what we should want for them: an education that is relevant to the lives they are going to lead and the problems they are going to face; an education that is using and lasting. Without these, self-development, self-direction, self-discovery, actually, perhaps it is not true education at all.

"What Direction for Higher Education?" *Think*, Nov-Dec, 1966.



"Report on Organized Gambling" is the title of a comprehensive report issued by the National Council of Churches' Commission on Social Welfare. It may be ordered for thirty cents from the agency's office at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

There is too much sex in automobile advertising, according to the President's Consumer Advisory Council. The committee's report asserted that "Manufacturers' advertisements tend to stress sex, status, thrills and luxury."

Since Iowa adopted "Liquor by the drink" in 1963, there has been a steady increase in per capita consumption of alcohol beverages, a license to sell liquor issued for every 1,122 persons in the state, and an alarming increase in fatal accidents. Iowa Highway Patrol Chief Ted Mikesch said, "I think many drivers get more reckless when they get a few drinks into them."

Commenting on the Iowa Public Safety Department report that forty-seven percent of Iowa's traffic fatalities in the first four months of 1966 involved drinking, Chief Mikesch stated, "I know of no cause of accidents so important as liquor."

Congress is concerned about the increasing dominance of broadcasting fare by economic interests which are often incompatible with the public interest, according to Rep. Harley Staggers (D-W. Va.), chairman of the powerful House Commerce Committee. Addressing the West Virginia Broadcasters Association on April 21, Staggers pointed out that "Television fare seems to be doing an efficient job in selling mouth washes. But is this what television intended to do? I hope not. I, for one, cannot believe that sane, mature men conceivably could wish to take credit for much of the broadcasting fare that is currently on the air... unless under pressure from huge forces that have grown beyond reasonable controls." Calling for FCC powers, Staggers pointed out that broadcasting licenses belong to the public, not to the station owner.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

June 12—Marvin K. Lee, Calhoun County Supt. of missions; Fred Tarpley, Hinds County Supt. of missions.

June 13—Sam Gore, faculty, Mississippi College; R. Wayne Herbert, faculty, Mississippi College.

June 14—Ivo Livingston, Baptist Book Store; Charles C. Malone, Baptist Book Store.

June 15—Miss Glo Townsend, staff, Children's Village; Mrs. Erlene McIntyre, staff, Children's Village.

June 16—Mrs. Nell Cotton, Baptist Building; Miss Lynnda Ashley, Baptist Building.

June 17—Mrs. Joyce Bates, Baptist student director, Southwest Junior College; Mrs. Elma A. McWilliams, faculty, Wm. Carey College.

June 18—Mrs. James Clark, faculty, Clarke College; Mrs. Edd A. Conner, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

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Newly appointed home missionaries hear the charge from Arthur Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

Christianity Must Be Lived SBC Youth Night Crowd Told

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — A juvenile rehabilitation worker, a motion picture actress and a minister effectively used testimony, music and sermon here Friday night to impress upon 10,000 Southern Baptists that Christianity must be lived to count.

While the program personalities at the closing session of the 110th Southern Baptist Convention expressed it differently, their message was

the same.

Jim Vaus, who operates Youth, Inc., in the asphalt jungles of New York City, expressed it this way.

"How do you reach juvenile gang leaders? When love is felt the message is heard. They want to see how you live, not hear what you say."

Anita Bryant of Miami, who sang her way through 30 minutes of Christian testimony, put it this way.

"I may get picketed from your parents, but if we have problems today I feel they don't lie with young people. They lie in the home where life isn't centered around Christ. If the children see the example of Christ in their parents, you have nothing to worry about."

Carl Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C., called on the youth dominated audience to "live your best."

Vaus also dealt with the government's poverty program as he told the messengers, largely Miamians, what counts with youth gangs.

"I've watched the government's poverty programs and I'm disgusted with them. It's a waste of the taxpayers' money."

"Social work that doesn't have its roots in the love of Jesus Christ is worthless."

Converted in a service led by Billy Graham, Vaus said he's dedicated the rest of his life to trying to rehabilitate the lives of youth gangs in the

toughest one-quarter mile section of New York City.

The 30-minute testimony brought a standing ovation.

So did that of Miss Bryant, clad in a white dress and clasping a Bible, several shades more red than her hair.

She sang some of the audience's favorites, including such familiar songs as "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art" and finally the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

While she had her eye on the audience, she also took time to spell out her stand on Vietnam, chief subject of discussion during the four-day meeting of the 10.9 million member denomination.

"You may not agree with me but on the basis of my three trips there, I'm compelled to take my stand in support of those men."

"I believe that it's a war between atheism and God."

If the applause is a good barometer, the audience agreed.

SBC Evangelists Plead For Revival

MIAMI BEACH — The air conditioned Miami Beach Auditorium sounded like an old-fashioned brush arbor revival Thursday afternoon.

Sermons and songs were punctuated with "amens," applause and even a little polite shouting as an all-star cast of evangelists and singers appeared before the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists.

Don Wornack of Memphis, Tenn., serving his third term as president of the conference, drew "amens" when he warned: "If Southern Baptists are not alert, it could be that we will find ourselves on the toboggan slide of modernism."

He said Baptists could go "the way some of the other

great denominations have gone," but he did not elaborate.

Evangelist Hyman Appleman of Kansas City, a Russian-born Jew, told the evangelists and pastors, "It is a whole lot easier to march, and to talk, and to hold dialogues than it is to win souls to Christ."

Referring to suggestions that Southern Baptists involve themselves more in social issues, Appleman said, "There may be plenty wrong with our convention and with our churches, but there's nothing wrong with them that anyone from outside can straighten out for us."

Appleman made a plea for a renewal of commitment to evangelism in the church and outlined a four-point program for successful evangelistic campaigns.

His plan called for making evangelism the spearhead of the church's effort, investing in prayer time, enlisting the cream of organizations and leaders, and utilizing the power of an interested church membership. "Victory is certain," he promised.

In business session the evangelists elected officers for 1967-68 and received without action a report on a proposed code of ethics for the organization.

The Population

Clock Nears Midnight

In all human history there has never been enough to eat. If man continues to multiply at the present accelerating rate, all the wizardry of modern technology will not be able to produce enough food in the years immediately ahead to prevent starvation. Man is trapped by his unwillingness to restrict his own fertility (and) must work his way out of this trap—or die.

—The Christian Century



WORK STACKED TO THE CEILING: Secretaries in the Baptist Press office in Nashville literally stacked their work to the ceiling recently while compiling a comprehensive Press Kit for the reporters and editors attending the Southern Baptist Convention. Working on the 200 Press Kits, which included more than 90 items, were (left to right) Mrs. Marshall (Vivian) Buttrey, Baptist Press secretary, Mrs. Robert (Grace) Capra; and Mrs. Hugh Kenneth (Thomas) English III, all of Nashville. W. C. Fields and Jim Newton prepared the material in the kits. (BP) Photo

Convention Sermon Urges SBC To Quit Bickering

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — Southern Baptists were challenged here to quit bickering among themselves and get about their job of making and training Christian disciples.

The plea by Landrum P. Leavell, a Wichita Falls, Tex., minister, highlighted ceremonies opening a four-day run of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Seating space in the 14,000 capacity Convention Hall was at a premium as Leavell, pastor of First Baptist Church,

sought to propel Southern Baptists with his description of the church with a feature.

Leavell shared the podium during the two-hour ceremony with John Maguire of Jacksonville executive secretary of Florida Baptists who welcomed convention goers to Miami Beach, and Clyde Skidmore, Bakersfield, Calif., pastor, who responded to the welcome.

Persons making up the

church of the future must be captivated by obsession, connoisseur of obstacles and correlated by obsession, Leavell said.

Southern Baptists can express this obsession through Christian love, Leavell explained. Results include the elevation of all human rights and the salvation of all who believe.

The Texas preacher said neglect of the Holy Spirit and the endorsement of the beatnik philosophy as a way of life could be responsible for some of the problems of Southern Baptist churches.

"Ungrateful!"

The two words characterizing the beatnik philosophy are "ungrateful" and "undisciplined," he said.

"We've grown up physically, but emotionally we still possess the characteristics of the beatnik philosophy."

Another obstacle hindering the progress of the church is

the beatnik philosophy of emotion and imagination, Leavell said.

"In our denomination there are those who are consciously or unconsciously living evangelism as the product of ignorance, while others believe the well-educated must be anti-evangelistic or anti-spiritual," Leavell said.

"There seems to be little middle ground left for any who are not extremists."

The Greatest of All

Leavell added that the greatest of all evangelists, Jesus Christ, was also the greatest prophet who ever lived in the history of the world.

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Church Social Role Changing?

By Walter Knight

MIAMI BEACH (BP)—Government-initiated programs of preschool education such as Headstart are changing the church's role in this field but it will not eliminate it, a professor of childhood religious education told Southern Baptist educators here.

Mrs. Mildred Souther of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary predicted that by 1970 all five-year-olds will be in public or private kindergartens.

"There will always be a place for the church kindergarten and nursery school because of the plus (spiritual emphasis) which always has been its basis," she said.

Citing "the federal government's intervention" in preschool education as one of three dominant problems emerging in this field, she said that if the states do not take care of the education of the very young, the federal government will.

If this comes to pass, salaries and training will be standardized, Mrs. Souther said.

Asked if she saw this trend as negative, she said she did not, but that there was a companion role for government and church to play, each supplementing the other.

"The government is meeting an overwhelming need of disadvantaged children. The greatest weakness of this program was and is not having enough qualified teachers to carry out a program that is designed to accomplish so much so fast."

Other Problem Areas

The other problem areas she cited were the changing world of the child—working mothers, mobility of population, and a fast-moving world—and the extremes of preschool theories.

Mrs. Souther addressed the annual Southern Baptist Religious Education Conference, an auxiliary group meeting here in advance of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The church educators, exploring areas in which churches minister to people, heard a Knoxville Baptist pastor, Charles A. Trentham, say that "when the church ceases to meet real human needs in Christ's name, she ceases to be the church."

He said the church is producing a "new breed" of leadership that is both hard-headed and warmhearted and is bringing fire back to the church.

The new breed is hard-headed on intellectual problems and warmhearted and demonstrative in their love of Jesus and of humanity.

New Kind of Saint

Calling for a new kind of saint who will turn around and face the world, Trentham lashed out at a ministry "which harnesses our talent and wealth to massage our in-

stitutional ego, to promote a kind of propaganda which convinces us that the institutional church is sacrosanct, whether or not she ever performs the ministry Christ has given into her hands."

Other speakers pointed to values of church ministries.

Alton Yarbrough

Alton Yarbrough, a Jackson, Miss., minister of education, told how members of his church became concerned for the mentally retarded in the community and started special classes that now serve an average of 32.

Yarbrough said he had since learned that three of every 100 of the nation's population is mentally retarded, a problem that has little bearing on the geographic location, economic status, social, cultural, educational, or religious background.

A missionary to the deaf, David Richardson of Montgomery, Ala., told of how a special sign language is used to interpret services, classes, and other meetings. He described the importance of television programs to teach the sign language and interpret events for the deaf.

Kermit King

Kermit King of Jackson,

Miss., disclosed the result of a survey of churches to senior adults, now numbering 18 million past 65. He found wide interest but said it would be an exaggeration to say a trend is developing.

A composite of programs indicated meetings weekly for both members and non-members of the church with an

emphasis on intellectual, cultural, and spiritual stimulation, he said.

Churches provide such activities as study, hobby groups, typing, languages, ceramics, Bible study, investments, travel, and photography. Often conducted are "town hall" programs and service projects.

Pastors' Conference Has Verbal Exchange

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without Tillich." Pressing the point of integrity on the part of pastors, Miller advised the pastors to purposely make themselves psychologically vulnerable to their congregations.

"Be specific about your sins and vague about victories instead of vice versa," he said. "Share your own problems."

In a business session pastors elected Gerald Martin, Poplar Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., as their new president. He suc-

ceeds C. A. Roberts of Tallahassee, Fla. Other 1967 officers include Harper Shannon of Dothan, Ala., vice president and Warren Littleford of Colfax, Minn., secretary-treasurer.

Earlier, Schweitzer blasted Baptists and other Christians for avoiding confrontation with desperate world struggles such as the population explosion.

Faced with this and other critical issues such as burgeoning automation and urbanization and the growing possibility of mass destructive warfare, Schweitzer told the pastors they must use the marvels of science and technology to make a creative influence on the world.

Christians too often have stamped out potential answers to the problems of the world in the name of Christianity.

"No man can be relevant to the modern world in the name of Jesus Christ unless he has the information to address himself to the problems with intellectual thought," he said. "Unless we understand the issues, we cannot speak to them."

Baptist "Isolation."

Criticism of Baptist "isolation," including a proposal for ecumenical evangelism, highlighted other presentations.

Jess Moody, pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, Fla., proposed a biblical ecumenicalism in which evangelical Christian groups would pool resources for worldwide evangelism.

Moody estimated that many of the 40 million Christians in the U. S. who are not identified with denominations as well as many individuals churches in major denominations would be interested in such a gospel.

Howard E. Butt Jr., a Baptist layman and vice president of H. E. Butt Grocery Stores in Texas, said that "Christ wants Christians first and Baptist second."

"Hyper-denominationalism is wrong, but so also is the belief that you can organize Christian unity by ecumenical structures."

"World Is Hungry"

"The world is hungry today for a fresh, practical, existential demonstration of the historic biblical principle of the autonomy of the local congregation," he said. "And here lies a great Baptist opportunity to serve the whole Christian world as examples of truly free churches under Christ."

Another speaker, John Wood, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., stressed the need for the clergy to see their role as one of "equipping people to do God's work."

He said the Christian church faces a crisis in its attempts to make its message relevant, citing involvement within the secular world as the answer.

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The Children's Building will be staffed to care for Nursery, Beginner, and Primary children throughout the morning.

Junior and Intermediate conferences are provided for the children of those adults who attend the assembly.

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MUSIC CALLED VITAL TO WORSHIP

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church music department for Oklahoma Baptist University, advised fellow music directors to remember that no music of the past can express the need and aspirations of a person today. Only a musical language of this day can suffice, he said.

Meeting at the Central Baptist Church here, the music directors were cautioned against lack of communication, over specialization, laziness, and the desire to be number one.

"SOUL NOTES"

In an address on staff relationships, James L. Plett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., said over-specialization causes a lot of soul notes in churches.

Church musicians, like other

staff members, need to be versatile and willing to tackle other jobs outside their respective fields.

"The reason a lot of our churches have bogged down is because of laziness, Plett contended. "Hard work will keep down a lot of discord."

One of the main reasons for discord among staff members can be traced to someone wanting to be number one, Plett added. He reminded that real greatness never hurt anyone but the desire for a false type of greatness has caused untold confusion and strife in churches.

Ten concerts were presented during the two-day conference.

WINTERS IS PRESIDENT

Elected president of the

Southern Baptist Music Conference was Donald Winters, chairman of the music department at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Jay Wilkey, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was chosen vice-president representing educators and Gerald Armstrong of River Oaks Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., secretary-treasurer.

Re-elected to second terms as vice-presidents were Robert Sneed and Duane Barrett, Sneed, minister of music of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., will represent the ministers of music and Barrett, music secretary for the California Southern Baptist Convention, will represent denominational musicians.

Church Should Move Into Community

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plan of action.

Explaining his four points, Bennett said the city goes through a continual change sociologically and psychologically. Both of these need to be researched thoroughly. Then, a program of action based on a sound Biblical approach needs to be initiated.

He said such a plan must be flexible enough to be changed because the city, especially the inner-city, changes continually, usually toward a culture of poverty.

"We need to learn what poverty does to a person and why it isolates him so that he feels he is not accepted even though the church wants to accept him," Bennett said.

Bennett also encouraged cooperation with other denominations in certain areas such as research and specific ministries such as juvenile work and apartment ministries.

Earlier, Paul Stevens, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission, warned if something is not done on television by Christians by 1980, you can mark America off.

Television

Stevens said television has become a major form for shaping of lives, especially those of children. It now ranks with the home, school and church which formerly represented the triangle of shaping lives, Stevens said.

William M. Osborne, of East Peoria, Ill., opened the one-day session by pleading it is time the superintendent leads out in teaching and involving all co-workers and affiliated churches in mission actions instead of trying to do the work himself.

Revival Dates

Union Church, Wilkmon Co.; June 8-11; Rev. Tommy Wicker, pastor, will bring the messages Friday and Saturday evening at 7:30. Sunday worship services will be at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. A basket dinner will be served following the morning worship service. The public is invited.

New officers of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association are, left to right, seated: re-elected secretary-treasurer, Gracie Knowlton, professor of secretarial training, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth; president, Alva G. Parks, minister of education, First Church, Montgomery, Ala.; standing: vice president for field workers, Harold A. Southern, director of Christian education, Kansas City Baptist Association; vice president for teachers, Charles A. Tidwell, professor of religious education, Southwestern Seminary; and vice president or church workers, Charles Ed Howell, minister of education, Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham. Southern is also resident-elect.



New officers of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference are: (l. to r.), seated, secretary-treasurer, Gerald F. Armstrong, River Oaks Church, Houston; president, Donald Winters, head of the music department, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.; and vice president Robert L. Sneed, First Church, Nashville. Standing: A. Joseph King, University Baptist Church, Houston; Carroll Lowe, state music secretary for Louisiana; and Frank Stilwell, First Baptist Church, East Point, Ga.

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Dr. J. P. Kirkland, pastor emeritus of First, New Albany, led the ordination prayer. Charles D. Coker, Sr. of Hillcrest presented his son the Bible from the church.

Mr. Coker, a native of New Albany, received his call into the ministry while aboard ship in the U. S. Navy. He is married to the former Mary Dixon of West Chesapeake, Virginia, also a student of Clarke

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By Clifton J. Allen
Acts 9:32 to 11:18

The gospel of Christ is meant for all men. The early Christians found it very difficult to sense the universal nature of the gospel. Hence they found it next to impossible to overcome their race prejudice and be willing for Gentiles to share in the riches of Christ's salvation or admit that the Gentiles were included in God's plan. This accounts for the necessity for a special revelation to Simon Peter by the Holy Spirit to prepare Peter to preach to the Gentiles in Caesarea.

The Lesson Explained THE CHARGE AGAINST PETER (vv. 1-3)

The news of Peter's preaching to the household of Cornelius reached the church in Jerusalem. The report that the Gentiles had accepted the gospel should have created joy. Instead, it stirred the other apostles and Jewish believers in Jerusalem to strong resentment and objection. Peter suddenly found himself the object of sharp criticism. Those of the circumcision party—not the whole church—charged him with uncleanness because of eating with the Gentiles. Cornelius was a "God-fearer" but a Gentile nevertheless, a very devout Roman military officer. The strong prejudice of the believers in Jerusalem robbed them of a missionary spirit. In fact it aroused them to an utterly unchristian spirit. The apostle was about to be disciplined or "churched" for preaching the gospel.

PETER'S EXPLANATION AND DEFENSE (vv. 4-17)

Peter was content to recite the facts of his vision in Joppa and of the manifest leadership of the Holy Spirit in the entire matter. The vision came while he was engaged in prayer. He learned by a vision that whatever God considers clean he himself must consider clean. The vision, thrice repeated—which indicates something of Peter's reluctance to accept God's instruction—prepared Peter to receive the deputation sent by Cornelius to request Peter to come to Caesarea. Cornelius explained how he had sent for Simon Peter, under the direction of an angel, to tell him how he and his house could be saved. God had prepared the hearts of the Gentile hearers. The apostle now reported that his sermon had hardly begun before the Holy Spirit fell on his Gentile hearers in confirmation of all that was being done, and especially in confirmation of their belief in Jesus as Saviour. How could Peter withstand God? The Spirit of God in a special visitation proved God's acceptance of the Gentile converts. There was no basis for Peter to forbid baptism in water to symbolize the baptism they had already experienced in their hearts.

ASSENT TO GOD'S PLAN (v. 18)

Peter's opponents and critics

could not deny the facts. The circumcision party "got quiet." For the time being at least, Peter's critics glorified God and acknowledged that God's salvation was meant for Gentiles as well as Jews, that Christ is the Saviour of all who will receive him. The gospel was never again to be thought of for the Jews only.

Truths to Live By

God is not partial—This is the meaning of the words, "God is no respecter of persons." God has respect for all persons and is utterly impartial in his feeling toward all mankind. The truth discovered by Simon Peter has radical implication for the thinking and feeling and acting of all Christians in today's world. We are to look upon all people—those of all races and colors, of all nations and classes, of all levels of depravity or poverty or respectability—with respect and compassion, with good will, and with the deepest concern for their spiritual salvation. We do, indeed need the mind of Christ as we think about all other persons.

The imperative in missions grows out of the purpose of God.—His purpose is redemption for mankind. The life mission of Christians and the central task of a church is Christian world missions, under the lordship of Christ.



Farley Earnest

CALLED TO KOSCIUSKO

Farley Earnest began his service as Minister of Music and Youth at First Church, Kosciusko, on May 18. A native of Greenville, Mr. Earnest is a graduate of Lee High School in Columbus. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Mississippi College. While at M. C. he was named to the 1963-64 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities," and was very active in the Baptist Student Union.

During college days, Mr. Earnest served as Minister of Music and Youth at Paul Truitt Church, Pearl, and Benton Church, Benton. He received the Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Seminary, in Fort Worth, Texas on May 5, 1967.

He is married to the former Billie Sue Esco, of Albany, Georgia. She is a graduate of Tift College, Forsythe, Georgia, and holds a Master's degree in Religious Education from Southwestern Seminary.

By Bill Duncan
Ephesians 3:1-12

The church is seen as the medium through which the wisdom of God is to be made known. This wisdom is His plan for "uniting all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth." (1:10). This is according to the eternal purpose, not an after-thought on God's part. Paul said that he had been given the privilege of making this secret known to the church and of being the instrument whereby God's grace went out to the Gentiles. Paul identifies his ministry with that of the church. The church is to witness to the redemption which God provides for all people.

The Nature Of The Ministry Of The Church

In order to explain the nature of the ministry of the church, Paul explains his own ministry to the Gentiles. The interpretation of Paul's ministry is the heart of the chapter. W. Curtis Vaughn says it can be summed up in three words:

(1) Stewardship (vv. 2-6). Paul describes his work as a "dispensation of the grace of God." KJV. The word "dispensation" denotes a stewardship. This speaks of the mode in which he has been selected for his work. The word "stewardship" best describes his position as both a high privilege and trust. To speak of a stewardship of this grace is to acknowledge that God's favor is given, not to be enjoyed as a private luxury, but to be shared with others. This stewardship had particular reference to the Gentiles and involved a great mystery of redemption. A mystery in the previously concealed but New Testament is something made known by the Gospel. The mystery was that the love and the mercy and the grace of God were not reserved for the Jews alone, but for all mankind. Gentiles are not second-class citizens in God's Kingdom; they are admitted to its blessings as equals. They are

fellow-heirs in relation to Jewish believers, fellow members in relation to the body of Christ and fellow partakers in relation to the promise of God.

(2) Service (v. 7). Here Paul declares that God had made him a "minister" of the good news of salvation. The word "minister" means to serve. He was divinely appointed to his office. He saw this office as an opportunity and as an introduction into the exercising of divine power. It is so often very difficult to persuade people to serve in the church. This is a duty which ought not to be coerced out of us. It is a privilege which we should regard as the gift of the grace of God.

(3) Suffering (v. 13). Paul interpreted his work in terms of suffering. He knew the experience of service was not always easy. The word "tribulations" can mean pressures. The suffering was incurred in the interest of the Gentiles in carrying out the mission of the church in their behalf. To suffer for Christ is not a penalty but it is our glory.

The Purpose Of The Ministry Of The Church

Paul is stating his purpose of his ministry as being that which would coincide with the church's ministry. Paul thought of himself as being unworthy to perform this purpose. The "grace" describes the apostleship.

(1) Missionary purpose (v. 8) God's intention was that Paul and the church should



ROCK HILL CHURCH in Rankin Association has broken ground for a 3-bedroom pastor's home. Those participating are seen with Ray Nash, chairman of building committee, shoveling the first spadeful of dirt. Others include Horace May, Sammy Neely, and Dale Dearman, members of building committee; Rev. Clarence Cutrell, Rankin superintendent of missions; Dr. Foy Rogers, Cooperative Missions secretary; Bryant Cummings, Sunday School secretary, who conducted a Bible teaching clinic in the church. Other members of the building committee are G. W. Stevens and Mrs. A. F. May.

preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. The word preach means to announce glad tidings from which we get our word evangelize. The message to be preached is the unsearchable (to vast to be measured) riches of Christ. This phrase refers to the boundless resources in Christ for meeting the needs of sinful man.

(2) Theological purpose (v. 9). Paul depicts himself as a teacher whose task it is to bring out the profound implications of the gospel. The word fellowship is the same word translated dispensation in verse 2 and can best be translated stewardship. The thought concerns the plan of God to make men see. Under the domination of the powers of darkness men are blind so God calls upon the church to open their eyes.

(3) Ultimate purpose (10-13). There appears to be in Paul thought a sense in which the wisdom of God cannot be understood even by the angels apart from the fulfillment of the evangelistic and mission-

ary purpose which he has for his church. As his people make known his way of redemption and receive redemption all come to a greater knowledge and appreciation of the wisdom of God. The purpose existed before time to reveal the mystery of redemptive mercy to the Gentiles. The faith which is placed in Jesus Christ gives to the believer the sense of confidence in his approach to God. In Christ we come to God in perfect freedom and with no spirit of reluctance or fear that we will not be received.

Paul closes with a prayer that they not be discouraged by his imprisonment. Paul is not fearful of his own ability but is afraid they might misunderstand and give up. It is in their interest in the sense that he is a prisoner because of his ministry to the Gentiles. His tribulation is really in their interest and to their glory.

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THE 1967-68 YWA OFFICERS have been elected and installed at William Carey College. Posing before the Thomas Fine Arts Building they are, front row, left to right: Mary Lynn Humpal, program chairman; Sheila Schaeffer, relations chairman; Tony Davis, social chairman; and Donna Belling, vice-president. Second row, left to right, are: Margie Nelson, publicity chairman; Evelyn Carpenter, also publicity chairman; Pamela West, president; Evelyn Anderson, secretary-treasurer; Brenda Tarborough, music chairman; and Mike Allen, prayer chairman.

DEVOTIONAL

What Are You Doing For The Lord?

By Horace Carpenter, Pastor, Roxie Church
James 1:22 "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

As we look at the average church, one of the great glaring weaknesses which cripples her effectiveness is the non-involvement of too many church members. They hold membership in the local church or in a church at a distant place, but what does their membership mean to them? CHURCH MEMBERS . . . PROFESSORS OF FAITH IN CHRIST, BUT LITTLE OR NO REAL INVOLVEMENT IN CHRISTIAN LIVING OR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY.

Many fine, well meaning people have membership in the church, yet they are often very irregular in attendance at the worship services. Many others will attend with a degree of regularity, but refuse to accept any responsibility in teaching, serving, or doing. They can readily mouth a multitude of excuses as to why they cannot be doers of the word. It is amazing how people will often commit themselves to every other cause except the cause of Christ.

IF EVERY OTHER MEMBER DID NO MORE THAN YOU DO . . . WHAT KIND OF CHURCH WOULD WE HAVE?

Would we have enough Sunday School teachers, Training Union leaders, church officers? In most Baptist churches that I know of, it is quite a task every year to enlist workers. If every other member did just as you do, would we be able to have a mid-week prayer meeting or a Sunday evening service? Who would attend? Who would teach our boys and girls?

Jesus expects us to be "doers of the word." Christ must live in us day by day if we will be effective Christians. We produce "fruit" through lives yielded to Him as we become "doers of the word." The New Testament tells us that when Saul of Tarsus was confronted by Jesus on the Damascus road that he had two questions.

1. "Who art thou—Lord?"
2. "Lord—What wilt thou have me to do?"
LORD . . . WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO?

On the front of most altar tables you find these words, "This do in remembrance of me." I know that these words refer to the memorial supper, the taking of the bread and the fruit of the vine in remembrance of Jesus and the cross. But I submit to you that all of our doing as Christians ought to be in remembrance of Jesus and His sacrifice at Calvary that made it possible for us to become the children of God. We ought to serve and do out of a heart of love and gratitude for our dear Lord.

WHAT WILL THE LORD HAVE ME TO DO?

To live Christlike in behaviour and attitude before the world day by day. When we are Christlike, we will not deliberately stay away from the worship services because we did not get our way over some petty issue. We will not constantly gripe and complain and drive others away with our unwholesome attitudes.

We will desire to serve Christ and the church through personal dedication to prayer and service. We will seek to participate in the program of our church when and where we can. The ministry of Christ and the church provide opportunities of service for every member. There is the ministry of prayer, praying for our pastor, workers, fellow church members. We may visit the sick, the bereaved, the troubled, lost. We may visit the faithful as well as the unfaithful encouraging them, strengthening our fellowship in Christ our Lord. Most of all we may strive to live a Christlike example.

Jesus calls to each of us to be: "DOERS OF THE WORD." If you are a Christian, the cause of Christ, your local church needs YOU to give yourself to the ministry of our beloved Lord.



DR. J. C. MCGRAW was honored at William Carey College as the 1967 annual, THE CRUSADER, was dedicated and presented to him by Martha Durden, senior from Mobile, and editor of this year's yearbook. Dr. McGraw is chairman of the department of history and social science. In part, the dedicatory page states: "Head of the history department at Carey, Dr. McGraw portrays and exhibits all of the inner qualities that mark him so distinctly as the scholar, the friend, the Christian. These noble attributes blend subtly and graciously to make him the whole person whom we all know and deeply admire. 'Sir, with respect, admiration, gratitude, we honor and salute you . . .'"

HOWARDPAYNE NAMES DEAN

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP) — Milburn W. Blanton, currently serving as president of Missouri Western College, St. Joseph, Mo., has been named dean of Howard Payne College, (Baptist) here.



Assemblies Name Recreation Men

Directors of recreation for the 1967 summer season at the two assemblies have been named.

They are Don Mattingly for Gloria Assembly and Jim Fox for Ridgecrest Assembly. Both will be responsible for assembly guest recreation, and each will supervise several staffers.

Mattingly will go directly from recreation work at a center for senior citizens in Waco, Tex.

Revival Dates

Magnolia Park, Hinds: June 12-18; Rev. Sam Creel, Bunker Hill Church near Columbia (Marion Co.) evangelist; Rev. Jasper Collins, pastor, will direct the music; Jean Buffington, pianist; Charlene Buffington, organist; services each evening at 7:30. Following the morning services June 18 dinner will be served on the grounds. The public is invited.

Holly Springs (Lincoln): June 18-23; Rev. Edward C. Smith, Crooked Creek Church, evangelist; Rev. George Turnage, Jr., pastor; services at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; lunch to be served in fellowship hall on Sunday, June 18.

MISSISSIPPIANS ON STAFF

Montana Baptist Family Camp To Be Held Week Of July 3-7

The Montana Baptist Family will be held during the week of July 3-7 at the EUB Camp Grounds 40 miles south of Big Timber, Montana.

Camp staff will include the following: Rev. and Mrs. Samuel A. Qualls, from Kansas City, Kansas, missionaries to Brazil; Bible teacher of the book of James: Dr. D. C. Martin of William Carey College at Hattiesburg, Miss.; Camp pastor, Rev. Cecil Osborne, pastor of Immanuel at Billings, Mont.; music leaders: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lawrence, four-state educational secretary and wife; coordinators of daily devotionals: Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Norwood of Havre, Mont.

Teachers of children will include: Rev. Macklyn W. Hubbell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Miss., exchange pastor for Glendive, Mont., this summer, teacher for Intermediates, "Growing in Bible Knowledge"; Rev. Wayland Holbrook, pastor of Trinity, Missoula, Mont., Intermediate teacher, "Exploring the New Testament"; Mrs. Samuel Qualls teaching Juniors a mission book on Brazil; Mrs. Kenneth Howell of Southside Baptist, Billings, teacher of Juniors, "This is My Bible"; Miss Peggy Ann Gault of Clinton, Miss., and Miss Nancy K. Farris of Hattiesburg, Miss., (summer student workers) teachers of Primaries and Beginners, "Story of Joseph."

Handicraft will be supervised by Mrs. Geraldine Wessner of 1st Baptist, Deer Lodge, Montana, and recreation directed by Roger Hill of First Baptist, Three Forks, Montana. Camp nurse will be Mrs. Marnie Howard of Trinity, Missoula, Montana.

Camp business manager is Rev. Mallett Ward of Conrad,

Montana. Assistant camp director: Rev. Leroy Smith, Montana Supt. of Missions, Bozeman, Mont. Camp Director, Rev. Nelson J. Engelbrecht of Flora Park, Butte, Montana.

Cabins are available for families, dormitories for Juniors and older persons. Summer student workers will be serving as dormitory counselors and will also serve in other capacities. The attendance goal for this year is 200 campers.

Out of state campers will be welcome. Camp fees are \$10.00 per person. Family fee is \$30.00 plus \$1.00 for each member beyond the first three. Camp begins Monday night and closes Friday noon.

Address all communication to Rev. Nelson J. Engelbrecht Camp Director, 2510 Floral Blvd., Butte, Montana 59701. (Ph. 406 792-7803).



RECEIVE CLARKE SCHOLARSHIPS — From left (front row): Phyllis Brownlee, Potts Camp; Linda Willis, Newton; Clara Legg, Ruleville; Kay Aston, Ider, Ala.; Mrs. George Butler, Stoneville; Mrs. Ralford Bullock, Ripley; (standing): Dr. W. L. Compere, Clarke President; Robin Nichols, Vicksburg; Ronnie Sharpless, Atmore, Ala.; Gary Harmon, Meridian; Eddie Waddell, Winthrop Harbor, Ill.; Mrs. W. L. Compere. Not pictured: B. W. Patrick, McIntosh, Ala.; Angela Martin, Union; and Theo Wright, Clarkdale. Dr. W. L. Compere recently presented Clarke College scholarship awards to the students pictured above. The names of the scholarships and the recipients are as follows: Kenneth Aika, Theo Wright; L. G. Camp—Ronnie Sharpless; Tracy Gallaspy—Eddie Waddell; T. A. Gheri—Mrs. George Butler; Cynthia Heritage—Linda Willis; Kuykendall—Phyllis Brownlee; Lander G. Tee—Clara Legg; Robert L. Ray—Angelo Martino; Bryan Simmons—Robin Nichols; and Kay Aston; Jack Richardson—D. W. Patrick; Lauderdale W.M.U.—Mrs. Ralford Bullock. Mrs. Compere represented the Lauderdale W.M.U., which presented the scholarship to Mrs. Bullock. Gary Harmon received the Most Valuable Athlete trophy.



REFLECTING THOUGHTS OF NAVAL AIR RESERVE HISTORY are (from left): Capt. Sidney N. Baney (Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station, New Orleans), showing some points of interest in the 50th Anniversary of the Naval Air Reserve History Book, to Capt. T. E. Lavoie (Executive Officer), Comdr. James A. Barnett, Lieut. Comdr. Robert G. Barnett and Lieut. Comdr. William M. Barnett. The Barnett brothers are Mississippi residents serving in Reserve Attack Squadron 822 at the Naval Air Station, New Orleans. The three brothers together have a total of more than 47 years of service in Naval Aviation. All three are Baptists. James and William are members of First Church, Clinton, and Robert is a member of First Church, Jackson. James and Robert are both deacons.



CHARLES LLOYD began his service as Summer Youth Director of First Church, Kosciusko, on June 1. Although born in Pensacola, Florida, Charles calls Clinton home, where he graduated from high school and Mississippi College. A leader among students, he was chosen Mr. Mississippi College, Who's Who Among Students, President of BSU, and lettered in football and track. He was youth director one summer for First Church, Aberdeen. He is now a second year ministerial student at Southwestern Seminary.

Tucker Named Associate Editor, Christian Index

ATLANTA (BP) — Bert O. Tucker, press representative for the public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been elected associate editor of The Christian Index, effective May 10.

The Christian Index is the weekly newsmagazine of the Georgia Baptist Convention, published in Atlanta.

Tucker will succeed Jack U. Harwell, who was associate editor for nine years before being elected editor last November. Harwell succeeded John J. Hurt, now editor of The Baptist Standard, the Texas Baptist newsmagazine published in Dallas.

Tucker was elected by the board of directors of The Christian Index, meeting in quarterly session in Atlanta.

He is a native of Wilson, Okla., a graduate of Louisiana (Baptist) College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He also holds a certificate from the Professional Photography School at Winona Lake, Ind.

Off The Record

Nobody thinks twice about baldness — on the other fellow.

Everyone you talk to these days is on a diet. Well, I've got one that really works.

The first day you cut out meat—

The second day you cut out starches—

The third day you cut out liquids—

And the fourth day you cut out paper dolls!

A lady wrote to the "Dear Abby" column in a newspaper she said: "I have been engaged to a man for some time, but just before the wedding, I find he has a wooden leg. Do you think I should break it off?"

It is said that stock raising is in the midst of a great setback. It has been found that the chief reason is that while years ago it took two sheep to clothe a woman it now just takes a silk worm.

Names In The News

Rev. Paul Wilson, pastor of Yale Street Church, Cleveland, received the Bachelor of Divinity Degree during graduation services at the Luther Rice Baptist Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida, on May 12. He has qualified and has begun work toward the Doctor of Theology Degree. Mr. Wilson has been pastor of Yale Street Church for the past eight years.

American Legion Citizenship Award, plans to enter Pearl River Central Junior College at Poplarville this fall.

"First, Carriere is proud of this young man who not only plays the piano well, sings well and directs music well, but also keeps in close tune with the Lord. Due to his outstanding moral integrity he was one of four persons receiving a free trip to Ridgecrest in North Carolina last summer paid for by his church," states Rev. Wm. Gary Smith, pastor.

Larry Williamson, native of Mississippi presently choral director at Gulfport East High School, has been called to serve also as music director at New Hope Church, Gulf Coast Association. During the summer months he will direct youth activities in the church.

Rev. E. N. Wilkinson, Jr., pastor of Forrest Avenue Church, Gulf Coast Association, and his wife, are the parents of a baby daughter, Nathalie Michele, born May 7.

Rev. John Warner, associate pastor, First Church, New Orleans, was camp pastor for the Youth Retreat that First, Long Beach, held at Johnson State Park in Hattiesburg. Bob Jones, minister of music at First Church, Gulfport, was song leader for the week.

Rev. Aaron Foy of Beach Boulevard Church, Pass Christian, has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church, Coy, Arkansas.

Rev. and Mrs. R. Edward R. Gilstrap, Sr., missionaries to Guatemala, were scheduled to come to the States May 20 for furlough. They may be addressed at 2339 Browns Mill Rd., Atlanta, Ga., 30315. Son of a Baptist minister, he is a native of Atlanta, Ga.; she, the former Hazel Ditsworth, was born in Lucedale, Miss., and grew up in Pascagoula, Miss. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1961 he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Rhame, Tex.

The following Southern Baptist missionaries to Korea should now be addressed, Korea Baptist Mission, I.P.O. 1361, Seoul, Korea: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar K. Bozeman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Burgin, Miss Betty Jane Hunt, Rev. and Mrs. Don C. Jones, Rev. and Mrs. L. Parkes Marler, Rev. and Mrs. Don J. McMinn, Rev. and Mrs. Lee H. Nichols, and Miss Lucy Wagner.

Ronald W. L. Mills on June 6 marked his first anniversary as minister of education-youth at First Church, Natchez.



THE BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE for Guntown Church in Lee County is pictured above. Left to right, back row: Mr. Sides, Mr. Hall, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Bristow, Mr. Pinks. Middle row: Mr. Farley, Mr. Ford. Front: Rev. Danny Holland, pastor. Construction has started on the building of a new auditorium with 200-seating capacity, and 12 classrooms, office space, and an educational unit. Completion is expected in three months. Mr. Holland has been pastor at Guntown since January 13 of this year.

DALLAS MAYOR, WIFE, GIVE BAYLOR HOSPITAL \$1 MILLION

DALLAS (BP)—The mayor of the city of Dallas, Erik Jonsson and his wife, have given Baylor University Medical Center here 7,500 shares of Texas Instruments stock valued at an estimated \$1,040,000.

The hospital trustees, in accepting the gift, named a new 200-bed hospital that will be part of a more than \$8 million expansion at the Medical Center in honor of the Jonssons. The hospital will be called the Erik and Margaret Jonsson-Medical and Surgical Hospital.

Their donation caused the final figure of a \$4 million fund drive to shoot well past the goal to a total of about \$5.4 million.

The Jonsson Hospital will be the third major unit of the medical center. The first of the three was the George W. Truett Hospital. Next was the Women and Children's Hospital, recently named the Hobbittelle Hospital in honor of a late Dallas banker.



THESE BOYS made Eagle Scout, in Boy Scouts. They are members of New Hope Baptist Church of Gulfport, Rev. Max Walker, pastor.